Primary Road Allocations Are Listed by Highway Commission

Tentative allocations of $43,855,741 in construction funds for Virginia's 8,500-mile primary highway system and urban extensions during the fiscal year beginning July 1 have been announced by the State Highway Commission.

The allocations for the eight highway districts cannot be made final until public hearings are held by the Commission in Roanoke on May 17 for the Bristol, Salem, Lynchburg and Staunton districts and in Richmond on May 18 for the Richmond, Fdererickburg, Culpeper and Suffolk districts.

According to the estimates on which the tentative allocations are based, the Highway Commission expects to collect $87,038,150 from state sources during the 1956-57 fiscal year. Appropriations of $9,628,480 to other state agencies, principally the State Police and Division of Motor Vehicles, leave $77,409,670 available for highway purposes. Federal-aid of $16,824,764 increases this total to $94,234,434.

This sum exceeds estimated revenue from all sources for the 1956 current fiscal year by $5,454,460 and mainly reflects anticipated increases in motor fuel taxes. Also included is $475,000 to cover estimated overweight truck fines which were earmarked for highway purposes by the 1956 General Assembly.

Major sums set aside from the total estimated revenue include $33,924,396 for maintenance and construction on the state's 40,905-mile secondary system; and $3,932,500 for administration and engineering. As a result of an act of the recently concluded session of the Legislature, the Commission also designated $872,995 to be used to help finance the contsruction of access roads to industrial sites.

Of $43,855,741 remaining for construction after reductions is $2,716,270 more than the appropriation for the current fiscal period and includes: rural construction $24,731,635; rights of way, $7,024,000; city street funds $5,253,823; urban Federal-aid, $2,704,545; matching urban Federal-aid $1,468,817; preliminary engineering, $1,800,000; new signs and signals $259,500; planning $308,241 and landscaping $705,000.

The amount available for rural primary construction is $1,106,312 above the 1955-56 allocation. Rights of way rose $1,129,000, pri-marily because of higher design standards required for the Interstate highway system.

F. A. Davis, chief engineer for the Department, pointed out that the combined Federal-aid and state matching funds for rural primary construction amount to $20,283,098, leaving only $4,478,537 to support convict camps, for plant mix resurfacing and for necessary projects which will not be eligible for Federal-aid.

"For this reason," he said, "it has been necessary to place prison labor on maintenance work and to provide permanent camp sites. Of our 30 camps, 22 are now permanently located and the other eight are scheduled to occupy permanent sites within the next few years."

"The controlling factor in selecting projects was need," Davis stated. In this connection, he added, the Department's recent five-year plan was followed as closely as possible. In addition to this plan, sufficiency rating and traffic and accident data also were used. Slightly more than 55 per cent of the total funds allocated went to class one roads which carry approximately 55 per cent of the primary system traffic.

Work that can be accomplished as a result of funds tentatively allocated include 15 miles of dual-laning on the interstate system, and 40 miles on the primary system, 95 miles of two-lane construction, 150 miles of bituminous concrete pavement and 50 bridges.

DAFFODIL DIVIDEND

Gloucester, Va.- Only 16 miles from Williamsburg, at Bena, Gloucester County, Virginia, visitors to the unique formal Daffodil Garden at Little England Daffodil Farm will see over 350 varieties of these spring favorites in bloom now, according to the Virginia Travel Council.

And, good news for lovers of the golden, white, bi-colored and pink blooms, a chilly spring has made it possible to extend the blooming period by more than a week Ordinarily the season concludes on April 15, but this year it will go through April 22. By April 22, another 350 varieties will have bloomed, making a total of 750 species of this most beloved of all spring's offerings.

During the first week in April, the pink and white varieties will begin to bloom, and around Wednesday of that week, the spectacular "Empress of Ireland," four buds strong, will bloom. The Empress was produced by Guy L. Wilson, one of Ireland's top growers, who will fly to the United States to address the Daffodil Society of America at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., on April 6 and 7. Only six Empress of Ireland bulbs exist, one of which was alloted last fall to Mrs. Theodore Pratt, owner of Little England.

There is no admission charge to the Daffodil Garden, and it may be reached by taking the George Coleman Memorial Bridge, from Yorktown, proceeding about 2 miles on Route 17, turning right at the sign marked "Hayes," at which point well marked signs will direct visitors to the garden.

WELL, WELL!

Tulsa, Okla.- Investigating an accident in which a driverless station wagon had rolled backward down a driveway, the traffic officer asked the name of the owner of the wagon. It was Rock Backward, believe it or not!

Vera

Vera, April 2.- Easter was a beautiful day. We had a big crowd at New Hope Baptist Church for the Sunrise Service and the regular morning service. The day was thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. T. C. Harvey and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis on Sunday night.

Miss Patricia Alvis is spending the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. O'Brien.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Wade Ferguson is better. He is still in the hospital.

Mrs. T. H. O'Brien is on the sick list. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

The P.-T. A. meeting was held at Vera school on Wednesday night, and there was an entertainment by the children of the school. There was a large crowd present.

The Y. W. A. of the New Hope Church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Wednesday night.

Mr. Lewis Turnes visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday.

Miss Patricia Alvis visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday.

Comment On Sports

By Pete Fritchie

Tampa, Florida.- Afer a few weeks of Grapefruit play, there are several observations worthy of mention on the twelve teams now training in the Sundshine State. They are:-

First, the Washington Senators' showing thus far indicates both the New York Yankee and the Boston Red Sox got the best of the Nats in trades over the winter.

The Senators, once again trading established starz—their only top stars, you might say, received a mass of youthful baseball flesh—none of which has yet turned into a great ball player. Bost of the youngsters passed off on Washington don't even look like future stars. Since Washington finished last in 1955, you can figure it from here. The Detroit Tigers, supposedly packing plate power this year, with the league batting champion and several coming hitters, have been surprisingly clawless at the bat. The Tiger pitching has been better than it might have been, but the Bengals are weak on punch at the plate.

Al Kaline's absence from the lineup may be partly responsible, but cannot be credited with all the glowing weakness being shown by the Tigers.

The St. Louis Cardinals look good. So do the Yankees. The Cards may be the surprise team of the National League this year. Their pitching —which they need—is looking vastly different this season. And the Cards have some young hitters who appear to be about ready to join Stan Musial and give the Cards some click.

Chicago's White Sox are talking pennant. They are a rags-to riches club. The story-book ending is that they win it. This writer can't see it. They have looked good on some days, but bad on others.

The Yankees look better this year than last. Mickey Mantle has been the best hitter in Florida this spring..

The Red Sox look good, but not better than the Yankees. Kansas City looks like a fifth or sixth place team.

Cincinnati has demonstrated plenty of power and some good pitching. The Philadelphia Phils have been strong in a number of games, and might surprise this writer and get into the pennant act, but the guess here is no.

The Braves haven't improved their club enough to be optimistic, in the writers opinion, although with luck they should [illegible] players out so so long [illegible] therefore could still be [illegible] Brooklyn, of course, [illegible] not as strong as in [illegible] hurt several key men [illegible] and Podres is gone.

The Pirates are an [illegible] tity. The writer gives [illegible] chance for first divisio[illegible] year, although some [illegible] sters are to be found [illegible] camp. Yet Grapefruit p[illegible] very little. So wait [illegible] tion, when the season [illegible]

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ington.- A state by state [illegible] by the National Right to [illegible] Committee discloses that com[illegible] unionism and state right to [illegible] are very active issues in [illegible] than half of the 48 states, [illegible] Hartley, Jr., president of [illegible] Committee, announced today. [illegible] said that in addition to the 18 [illegible] banning compulsory un[illegible] by statute or constitutional [illegible] attempts to pass such [illegible] expected in at least 15 oth[illegible] during present or next sessions [illegible] legislatures, or through state-[illegible] ums.

[illegible] at least 12 of the Right to [illegible] States can anticipate determ[illegible] drives by union leaders to re[illegible] laws by 1957," Mr. Hartley [illegible] the study indicated.

[illegible] the issue is locally very [illegible] in more than half of the 48 [illegible] and will be, by all odds, the [illegible] legislative target of un[illegible] before us next year's legislative [illegible] get underway."

[illegible] out that 1956 is an [illegible] year for most legislatures—[illegible] only about a dozen meeting in [illegible] sessions, and several others [illegible] special fiscal or other called [illegible]

[illegible] efforts to pass a right to work [illegible] in the Kentucky General [illegible] ly, which has already ad[illegible] and efforts to repeal that [illegible] have been scotched, [illegible] reported.

[illegible] Alabama's Assembly meets in [illegible] and a major fight to repeal its [illegible] to Work law has been prom[illegible] by labor leaders and certain [illegible] plans supporting them," Mr. [illegible] said. "A bill to repeal Ala[illegible] Right to Work law has been [illegible] faced in the legislature, now [illegible] or in special session, but is [illegible] expected to pass . . . .

[illegible] the two biggest state battles in [illegible] to Work law will be [illegible] the National Committee [illegible] said predicted, "will be in the [illegible] dums votes now proceeding in [illegible] ington (seeking to force a vote on adoption of a right to work law onto the November ballot) and Nevada, where a proposal to repeal its statute will be on the fall election card."

He said that, meanwhile, union leaders who favor forced membership in their unions for all employees covered by the contract are devoting their attention to the forthcoming elections of members of Congress and of State legislatures.

"Press reports, from both general newspapers and from the union press, make it clear that they are organizing their supporters and training members to fight for the election of candidates who can be expected to vote against right to work measures and to do all in their power to defeat those who have the courage to vote independently," he declared.

In a state by state summary, and a chart summing up the findings, the report listed the following states now having right to work laws where attempts to repeal them were definitely expected: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Tennessee and Texas.

Those not now having such laws and in which attempts to adopt them are considered likely are: California, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin.

JACK OF ALL TRADES

Confu, N. Y.- Recently, Leonard J. Gardner, jack of all trades, was suspended by the village board on charges that he was "derelict in some of his duties." A scream of protest went up from the villagers and Gardner was reinstated as police officer, school crossing guard, water meter reader, rubbish collector and a "few other things." In recognition of the fact that he had so many things to do, he had to neglect some, an assistant was hired to run the village's water system.

HURT AGAIN

Austin, Texas.- Airman Charles R. Bradshaw, with his right leg in a cast, went riding with his brother, Clyde. Their car skidded on wet pavement and hit a power pole. Charles wasn't hurt but Clyde was cut around the face and Charles accompanied him in an ambulance to the hospital. En route, the ambulance collided with two cars. This time Charles suffered bruises on his back and arm and to the leg in the cast.

One of life's saddest facts is that a square meal makes people round. —The Austin (Iowa) Herald.

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Orange Cake

2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1-4 teaspoon salt
5 eggs
2 cups sugar
Juice and grated rind of one large orange or one cup orange juice

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Beat egg yolks light, add sugar and orange rind. Beat well. Add flour and orange juice alternately to egg yolk mixture, beating hard after each addition. Beat eggs until they hold a peak, fold into batter. Pour into two greased 9-inch pans, lined with waxed paper. Bake 25 minutes in an oven (350 degrees). Cool. Put layers together with orange filling and cover top of cake with orange frosting.

Orange Filling

1 egg
2 tablespoons cornstarch
3-4 cup water
3-4 cup sugar
Juice and grated rind of one large orange (there must be 1-2 cup orange juice)
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Beat egg slightly. Mix sugar and cornstarch, add water. Stir until smooth, add orange juice, orange rind and lemon juice. Mix well. Add to egg. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth. Cool.

Orange Frosting

1-4 cup butter meited
2 cups confectioners sugar
1 to 2 tablespoons orange juice
1 teaspoon grated orange rind

Mix butter with sugar, and add orange rind and enough orange juice to make frosting the right consistency.

Tropical Cake

1-2 cup butter
1 1-4 cups sugar
1-2 cup butter
2 1-2 cups flour
1-4 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon cocoa
1 tablespoon boiling water

Cream butter, add sugar, mix well. Add beaten eggs. Mix well. Sift flour, salt and spices together. Add half the flour mixture to butter mixture. Beat well. Add milk and rest of dry ingredients. Put 2-3 of batter into two greased layer cake pans. To the other 3rd add cocoa which has been mixed with the boiling water. Put in a greased layer cake pan. Bake 15 to 20 minutes in an oven (400 degrees). Put together with the following—

2 tablespoons butter creamed
2 cups confectioner sugar sifted
1 tablespoon cocoa
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons coffee

To the creamed butter, add sugar and cocoa very slowly, beating until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and coffee slowly, a few drops at a time. Spread on cake.

Nut Cake

1-2 lb. grated pecans or almonds
10 eggs
1 1-4 cups sugar
6 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour and cream of tartar together. Mix with grated nuts. In electric mixer, beat eggs, 5 minutes, add sugar gradually. Beat 5 minutes on electric mixer. Add vanilla and beat in well. Beat egg whites until very dry. Fold in nut-flour mixture, and egg whites. In a 10-inch tube pan, lined with waxed paper, pour cake batter. Bake 50 minutes in an oven (375 degrees). Invert on a cake cooler until cold. Loosen cake with a spatula and remove from pan.

SMART BURGLAR

Helena, Mont.- The burglar who recently stole a sack of cow feed from farmer Gwan Kirby, lingered long enough to milk Kirby's cow.

Health and Beauty

No gift of nature has been more lavishly bestowed upon us than water. At least two-thirds of our bodies are composed of water. It is the largest constituent of every cell, and there are billions of them.

The hard bone cells are one-third water. Cells in all animal bodies must be perpetually bathed in fluid to perform their functions.

Food must be dissolved in liquid during the process of digestion. It must then be carried in a fluid state to all parts of the body to supply its nourishment.

Large amounts of liquid are constantly flushing out the poisons through the urinary system. Water is also leaving the body through the bowels, the lungs and the skin. On a cold day you can see your breath as vapor as it condenses on windows as water.

Animals must constantly take in enough water to carry on the functions of the body and supply all that is lost. Ancient civilizations were built near water.

Plenty of water inside and out is necessary to health, cleanliness, and comfort. On arising in the morning, it is an excellent plan to drink a glass or two of water. It helps the emunctories of the body to begin carrying out the poisons through the kidneys and the bowels.

Too little fluid in the body is often the cause of sluggish feelings, headaches, and various diseases.

Everything that has life must have water. Animals go out and seek it, but plants cannot. Yet they conserve it in many ingenious and wonderful ways.

When traveling or camping, unless you are positive that the water supply is pure, do not drink it until it has been boiled. It may be dangerous, no matter how clear and sparkling it appears.

When the children go to camps this summer, warn them against drinking any water that is not guaranteed by the camp authorities.

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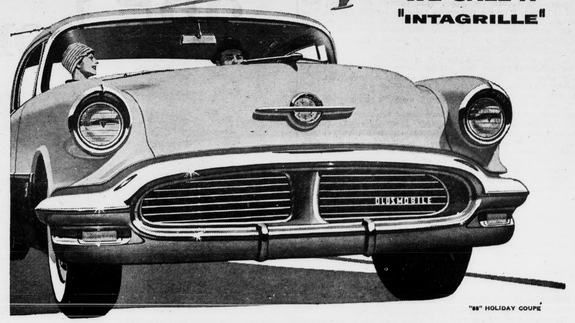
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